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## Signs of the Hour

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

In the Name of Allâh,  
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

## Prelude

All praise is due to Allâh, Who honors those who obey and fear Him, and Who disgraces those who disregard His commands and disobey Him. I praise Him and thank Him for His abundant beneficence and what He has granted of favors.

I testify that there is none worthy of worship except Allâh alone, Who has no partners. We have no Lord besides Him and we do not worship any other except Him. And I testify that our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is His servant and Messenger. He was the best servant whom Allâh chose, and the best Messenger whom Allâh selected.

O Allâh! Please grant Your peace and blessing upon Muhammad, his Family, his Companions and all those whose desires follow his guidance.



## Preface

Faith in the Last Day and what it contains of rewards and punishments, is one of the pillars of Islam and its great foundations. Allâh has placed before the Final Hour certain signs that indicate how close it actually is.

Indeed, our Prophet ﷺ considered the approaching of the Final Hour as something very great, such that whenever he mentioned it, his cheeks would become red, his voice would rise and his irritation would intensify. He would always speak of it and give reminders concerning it. The Companions ﷺ would often reflect upon the matter of the Final Hour.

Huthaifah رضي الله عنه said: "The Prophet ﷺ came upon us while we were reminding each other. So he said:

«مَا تَذَاكُرُونَ؟»

'What are you all discussing?'

We replied: 'We are reminding each other of the Final Hour.'"

When the Prophet ﷺ began to mention it often and the Verses concerning its approach became numerous, the Companions ﷺ feared that its occurrence would befall them (i.e., in their lifetime).

Many of the signs of the Final Hour have already appeared and much of what the Prophet ﷺ informed (us) of has manifested itself. Therefore, every passing day increases the believers in their Faith and belief in Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. This is due to the appearance of signs of his Prophethood and proofs of his truthfulness, all of which require the Muslims to adhere to this upright religion so that they may be prepared for this event. For verily, the Hour has drawn near and its signs have become apparent. Allâh the Exalted said:

﴿أَقْرَبَتِ السَّاعَةُ وَأَنْشَقَّ الْقَمَرُ﴾ [القمر: ١]

"The Hour has drawn near and the moon has been split." (54:1)



“Verily, before the Hour there will be trials (*Fitan*) that will be like pieces of dark night. A man will wake up during them a believer (in the morning), and will become a disbeliever by nightfall. And a man will be a believer at night, and wake up in the morning as a disbeliever.” (Reported by *Ahmad* and *Abu Dâwud*)

The last part of this *Ummah* (nation) will be afflicted with trials. The Prophet ﷺ said:

«إِنَّ أُمَّتَكُمْ هَذِهِ جُعِلَ عَافِيَتُهَا فِي أَوَّلِهَا،  
وَسَيُصِيبُ آخِرَهَا بَلَاءٌ وَأُمُورٌ تُنْكَرُونَهَا، وَتَجِيءُ  
فِتْنَةٌ فَيَرْقُقُ بَعْضُهَا بَعْضًا، وَتَجِيءُ الْفِتْنَةُ فَيَقُولُ  
الْمُؤْمِنُ: هَذِهِ مُهْلِكَتِي، ثُمَّ تَنْكَشِفُ وَتَجِيءُ الْفِتْنَةُ  
فَيَقُولُ الْمُؤْمِنُ: هَذِهِ هَذِهِ، فَمَنْ أَحَبَّ أَنْ يُزْخَرْ  
عَنِ النَّارِ وَيَدْخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ فَلْتَأْتِهِ مَنِئْتُهُ وَهُوَ يُؤْمِنُ  
بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ» [رواه مسلم ح: ١٨٤٤ وابن ماجه ح: ٣٩٥٦].

“Verily, this *Ummah* of yours has been given its cure (well-being) in its first part (i.e., its early days). Its last part (the latter times) will be afflicted with a test and matters that you all

despise. The evil calamity will come and some parts of it will make others seem light. The evil calamity will come and the believer will say: ‘In it is my destruction.’ Then it will go and next evil calamity will come and the believer will say: ‘This is it, this is it.’ So whoever would like to be saved from the Hell-fire and enter into Paradise, then let his desire (for death) come to him while he believes in Allâh and the Last Day.” (Reported by *Muslim* and *Ibn Mâjah*)

### The Wish for Death

A man will pass by a grave of another man and wallow in its dirt (in sorrow) due to the severity of the evils and the alteration of the *Sharee’ah* (Islâmic law). He will then say: “If only I were in the place of the man in this grave.” And there will be nothing wrong with this man other than his anguish due to these trials (*Fitan*).

Ibn Mas’ood رضي الله عنه said: “A time will come upon you all that if one of you found death for sale, he would surely purchase it.”